



U.S. Department of Justice
Drug Enforcement Administration

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Case Number: 13-00258-F

Subject: Information regarding records on Operation Falcon, between 1990 and 2000, etc.

John Dyer
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Boston, MA 02205-5819

Dear Mr. Dyer:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Act (FOI/PA) request dated February 21, 2013, received by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit (SARF), seeking access to DEA records. Your request has been opened and assigned the above case number. Please include this case number when corresponding with this office.

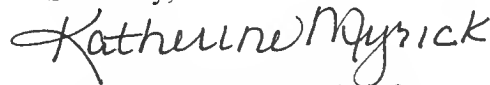
You are advised that unusual circumstances apply to your request because you seek investigative records. As defined under the FOIA, unusual circumstances include the need to search for, and collect, records from field facilities. 5 USC § 552 (a)(6)(B)(iii). While FOIA and Privacy Act requests are centrally processed by this office at DEA Headquarters, complete investigative files are maintained at, and must be retrieved from, respective DEA field offices, worldwide. As a result of these unusual circumstances, DEA will need additional time to act on your request as discussed below.

This notice of unusual circumstances extends the time for DEA to make a determination on your request an additional ten working days, for a total of 30 working days from the date of your request. However, based on the processing of your request on a first-in, first-out basis, and the current substantial backlog of requests for DEA records, we do not expect a determination to be made on your request within the 30 working days. Rest assured that DEA will act on your request promptly when it is next in the processing queue. You are further advised that you may modify your request by limiting its scope to speed processing and/or you may seek an alternative time frame for processing your request or modified request.

This letter confirms your obligation that by filing your request, you have agreed to pay all applicable fees charged under 28 C.F.R. § 16.11, up to \$25.00. No fees are due at this time. If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact our Customer Service Hotline Representative on (202) 307-7596 or mail your correspondence to:

DEA HEADQUARTERS
ATTN: FOI/PA UNIT (SARF)
8701 MORRISSETTE DRIVE
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine Myrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Katherine" and the last name "Myrick" clearly distinguishable.

Katherine L. Myrick, Chief
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit
FOI/Records Management Section